

Request for Proposals

Indianapolis Comprehensive Anti-Gang Initiative (CAGI)

Research Partner

The Indianapolis Comprehensive Anti-Gang Initiative is seeking applications from candidates for a research partner.

Eligibility

Applicants must be not-for-profit research organizations, colleges or universities, or state or local government agencies.

Deadline

All applications are due by **May 16, 2008**. Ten copies of complete applications should be mailed to:

Danny Overley, Co-Chair
Project Safe Neighborhoods Task Force
Professional Police Officers Credit Union
1502 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, Indiana, 46201

Applications may also be hand delivered to the above address.

Applications will be reviewed and selection will be made by the CAGI Steering Committee.

Contact Information

For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation contact:

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Program Overview

In February 2006, the U.S. Attorney General announced the creation of the Justice Department's Comprehensive Anti-Gang Initiative, designed to support law enforcement combating violent gang crime, while also promoting prevention efforts that discourage gang involvement. As part of the initiative, in May 2006 the Department provided anti-gang resources for prevention, enforcement and offender reentry efforts to six sites across the nation. In April 2007 the Department announced the expansion to include four additional sites which included Indianapolis, IN.

Through collaboration between the United States Attorney's Office, City of Indianapolis / Marion County, and the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, a Task Force and three subcommittees were formed to plan and execute activities to a proactive three-prong approach focusing on prevention, enforcement, and re-entry to diminish gang activity in Indianapolis.

The purpose of this program is to **reduce gang crime and violence** through the implementation of three strategies:

1. Prosecution/enforcement strategies with the goal to reduce the occurrence of violent gang-related incidents through both reactive and proactive efforts supported by enforcement planning coordinated with federal, state, and local law enforcement and informed by data and real-time intelligence.
2. Prevention and intervention strategies directed at Indianapolis youth with the goal to reduce the occurrence of youth gang-related incidents and increase positive outcome for youth at high risk for gang involvement through targeted, evidenced based gang prevention.
3. Prisoner reentry strategies with the goal to increase public safety by reducing recidivism rates for high-impact gang involved offenders returning to the community through the use of vouchers, mentors, and community organizations (including faith-based) for the delivery of services and treatment.

The Research Partner Role and Requirements

The research partner will be part of an “action research” approach to this project and work closely and regularly with the Task Force, the three sub-committees overseeing the enforcement, prevention and reentry components. They will participate in the general problem solving process by assisting in understanding the local gang problem, designing and/or selecting appropriate interventions and evaluating programs. The research partner will attend regular and ad hoc meetings related to these program functions, will issue regular reports and advise the Task Force on research and strategy related matters. They will also have key responsibilities in the following four areas:

1. The research partner will provide information for the project regarding best practices and the scientific efficacy of anti-gang strategies and programs. This will include assessment of the potential efficacy of programs considered for funding under this project as well as work with programs to improve potential efficacy based on available research.
2. The research partner will collect and analyze various gang related background information and use the in evaluating programs funded under the three-prong approach.
3. The research partner will document the nature and characteristics of programs actually delivered as part of this program. This will include descriptive statistics about program participants, service providers, services delivered, recidivism rates, etc.
4. The research partner will report all data required of the Department of Justice under the Government Productivity and Reporting Act as well as any other data required by the Department of Justice or the program Task Force. This will include the evaluation data attached.

How to Apply

Each applicant should submit (1) a program narrative of no more than 10 pages as described below. Applicants should attach (2) a budget and (3) a budget narrative which do not count against the 10 page maximum. Applicants should also attach (4) resumes of all key personnel and (5) a statement about the capabilities of the organization submitting the application. (6) Additional material may be attached as appendices if the applicant believes it is relevant to the review of the application.

Program Narrative

- a. Describe the relevant portions of your expertise and background that make you particularly qualified for the CAGI Research Partner position. This should include, at a minimum, salient education and prior work experience, a discussion

of your organizational capacity; existing partnerships with governmental, non-governmental, research institutions, and academic organizations; and your ability to leverage other research initiatives.

- b. Describe the briefing methods that you will use in providing information to the CAGI Task Force so it can use the information in planning. This description should include estimated time frames to prepare initial information and the regularity with which you will provide additional and updated information.
- c. Describe the types of data and research that might be used to measure effectiveness of the interventions employed by the CAGI Task Force to reduce gang prevalence and related violent crime.
- d. Discuss any other significant research issues you believe will be relevant to the enforcement, prevention and reentry components of the research.

Budget and Budget Narrative

Provide a budget of allowable and reasonable expenses covering a one year period. Explain each category of expenditure. Do not exceed 10% of total budget for indirect or other administrative costs. Please use the enclosed templates in preparing your budget.

A. PERSONNEL - New Hires and Existing Employees

Name	Position/Title	% of Time	Gross Salary/Wage	Fringe Benefits	Total

TOTAL PERSONNEL:	
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B. CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

1. Individual Consultants (List individual, % of time devoted, and fee basis)

Name of Contractor	Type of Contractor	% of Time	Fee Basis	Total Cost

SUBTOTAL	
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2. Contracting or service organization (Name, fee basis, and % of time devoted)

Service Organization Name	Type of Service	% of Time	Fee Basis	Total Cost

SUBTOTAL	
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TOTAL CONTRACTUAL SERVICES:	
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C. TRAVEL - Project Personnel Only (Consultant travel to be included in B-1)

Destination	Purpose	Transportation	Per Diem	Lodging	Total Cost

TOTAL TRAVEL:	
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D. EQUIPMENT

Item	Lease/ Purchase	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Cost

TOTAL EQUIPMENT:	
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**E. OPERATING EXPENSES - Supplies, Communications, Rent, Reproduction,
Registration Fees, Tuition, Telephone, and Miscellaneous Expenses**

Expense	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Cost

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES:	
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BUDGET SUMMARY

CATEGORY	TOTAL COST
A. PERSONNEL	
B. CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	
C. TRAVEL	
D. EQUIPMENT	
E. OPERATING EXPENSES	
GRAND TOTAL	